(b) whether in that context the Government of India intend to allow the Government of Tamil Nadu to import coal from Australia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The information required is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Plan to raise power output

3303. SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Investment Board had drawn up any plan to raise power output;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the plan is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not airse.

Gas leakage in Bhosari

3304. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 70 people were hospitalised following a gas leak from a chemical unit in the industrial area of Bhosari near Pune on 8th July, 1987; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the mishap and the action taken by the authorities in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

According to the Report received from the Government of Maharashtra, there was leakage of Oleum Gas from a Chemical Unit in the industrial area of Bhosari near Pune around noon on 8th July, 1987. The leakage occurred due to the nut-bolts of the bottom flange of the Oleum Tank giving way as a result of which fumes started coming out which was subsequently controlled by the Fire Brigade Officers.

Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation has issued orders for closure of the factory till further notice under Section 29 (ii) (b) of Chapter 14 of Municipal Corporation Act, 1949. The Bhosari Police Station registered an offence under sections 284, 336, 337 of IPC (negligence, failure in duty, causing injury) and are further investigating the matter. The Factory Inspectorate issued orders for not re-starting the plant unless the necessary alterations are made for storage of Oleum Sulphuric Acid and the plant is tested before it is put into operation. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) issued Prohibitory Orders for failure under section 26, 25, and 31 of the Water Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and issued directives not to restart manufacturing activities unless a clearance is obtained from MPCB and Factory Inspectorate.

Hydro-electric project on the Chenab river

3305. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commissioning of the Hydro-electric Project on the Chenab river in J K has considerably been delayed due to cost overruns;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the project would be commissioned?